

## **MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** July 19, 2011

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging Governor  
Rick Scott and the Florida  
Legislature to seek alternate  
sources to fund critical social  
service programs within  
Miami-Dade County that were  
vetoed from the state budget

Resolution No. R-622-11

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.



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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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7-19-11

RESOLUTION NO. R-622-11

RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SEEK ALTERNATE SOURCES TO FUND CRITICAL SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS WITHIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY THAT WERE VETOED FROM THE STATE BUDGET

**WHEREAS**, on May 26, 2011, Governor Rick Scott vetoed more than \$615 million from the state budget for fiscal year 2011-12 that had been passed by the Florida Legislature during the 2011 session; and

**WHEREAS**, among the funds vetoed were funds for programs that provide critical social services in Miami-Dade County, including

- DeAllapattah Community Center Hot Meals Program, \$430,298;
- Farm Share, \$750,000;
- Goulds Coalition of Ministries and Lay People, \$100,000;
- La Liga – League Against Cancer, \$100,000;
- Little Havana Activities and Nutrition Center, \$300,000;
- Richmond Heights Resource Center, \$100,000; and

**WHEREAS**, DeAllapattah Community Center Hot Meals Program provides food to low-income seniors in the Allapattah area; and

**WHEREAS**, Farm Share is a non-profit organization, dedicated to the recovery, sorting, packing and distribution of nutritious foods for people in need; and

**WHEREAS**, Goulds Coalition of Ministers and Lay people, Inc. is a community based non-profit organization with the mission of enhancing the lives and school success of low income children and to empower the residents of Goulds and the surrounding communities; and

**WHEREAS**, League Against Cancer / La Liga Contra el Cancer is a community-based, not-for-profit organization providing free medical care to needy cancer patients; and

**WHEREAS**, the Little Havana Activities and Nutrition Centers of Dade County, Inc. provides low-income, frail, isolated elderly persons and refugees with quality social, nutrition and health services, allowing them to continue to live at home, albeit with some assistance and avoid costlier institutionalization; and

**WHEREAS**, the Richmond Heights Resource Center assists adults, children, the elderly and families to achieve self sufficiency in their daily life experiences, to diminish poverty and hunger and to promote the general welfare of the Richmond Heights community; and

**WHEREAS**, these programs all provide vitally important social services to members of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, these programs are particularly important in the economic downturn that we are currently experiencing; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board strongly supports all of these programs and urges Governor Rick Scott and the Florida Legislature to seek alternate funding sources for critical social services programs within Miami-Dade County that were vetoed from the fiscal year 2011-12 state budget,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges Governor Rick Scott and the Florida Legislature to seek alternate sources to fund critical social service programs within Miami-Dade County that were vetoed in the state budget.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of the resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the legislation set forth in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs that the 2011 and 2012 state legislative packages be amended to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Dennis C. Moss. It was offered by Commissioner **Dennis C. Moss**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Barbara J. Jordan** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	<b>aye</b>
	Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	<b>absent</b>
Bruno A. Barreiro	<b>aye</b>	Lynda Bell
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	<b>aye</b>	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman	<b>absent</b>	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	<b>aye</b>	Dennis C. Moss
Rebeca Sosa	<b>aye</b>	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	<b>absent</b>	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **Christopher Agrippa**  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JMM", is written over a horizontal line.

Jess M. McCarty